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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SADAT'S ORAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. AT THE END OF MY HOUR AND A HALF MEETING WITH SADAT TODAY IN ALEXANDRIA, DURING WHICH A VARIETY OF MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED (SEPTELS), I ASKED IF HE HAD ANYTHING HE WISHED TO CONVEY. SADAT SAID HE DID AND DICTATED THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE.

2. QUOTE PRESIDENT SADAT SENDS HIS THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THE LATTER'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN EGYPT. PRESIDENT SADAT WISHES TO CONFIRM ONCE AGAIN TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHAT HE HAD SAID IN HIS PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE LATTER. THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT ISRAEL ELECTION HAVE NOT CHANGED ANYTHING SO FAR AS PRESIDENT SADAT IS CONCERNED. HE WILL NOT LET PRESIDENT CARTER DOWN. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE PEACE PROCESS IN MOTION ALONG THE LINES AGREED UPON. WE SHOULD NOT DECLARE ANYTHING UNTIL THE WHOLE THING IS WELL PREPARED AND UNTIL WE HAVE REACHED SPECIFIC IDEAS ON THE VARIOUS COMPONENT ELEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM.

2. PRESIDENT SADAT WISHES TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW HIS FRIENDSHIP, BROTHERHOOD (AS HAD BEEN
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AGREED IN HIS PRIVATE TALK WITH PRESIDENT CARTER) AND HIS CONVICTION THAT THE USG CAN ACHIEVE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE. PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS NOBLE GOAL. PRESIDENT SADAT WILL HELP IN EVERY WAY, WILL BE UNDERSTANDING AND WILL SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO WHATEVER ISSUES THE ISRAELIS MAY RAISE.

3. THE ONLY POINT PRESIDENT SADAT WISHED TO STRESS AFTER THE RECENT ISRAELI ELECTION IS THIS: THE ISRAELIS WILL TRY PRESIDENT CARTER'S PATIENCE. PRESIDENT CARTER WILL FACE A HARD, TOUGH JOB IN DEALING WITH THE ISRAELIS, BUT PRESIDENT SADAT IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL SUCCEED. PRESIDENT CARTER IS A MAN OF DECISION, POWER, AND INSIGHT AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

4. FINALLY, PRESIDENT SADAT SENDS HIS BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT CARTER, MRS. CARTER AND THE CARTER FAMILY.

5. SADAT'S ORAL MESSAGE IS CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER COMMENTS HE HAD MADE ABOUT REMAINING CALM IN THE FACE OF THE ISRAELI ELECTION RESULTS. HIS WHOLE THEME WAS THAT SET FORTH A FEW DAYS AGO IN A PRESS BRIEFING (CAIRO 8580). FAHMY WAS ALSO PRESENT AT MY MEETING WITH SADAT AND AT ONE POINT ASKED THE PRESIDENT FOR PERMISSION TO ISSUE A BLISTERING ATTACK ON BEGIN, IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S COMMENTS ABOUT JUDEA, SAMARIA AND GAZA BEING INTEGRAL PARTS OF ISRAEL AND BEGIN'S RELATED COMMENTS ABOUT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS POLICY, BRANDING THE PUTATIVE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER AS A "TERRORIST" WITH WHOM GOE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO. IN FACT, GOE WOULD REFUSE TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH A TERRORIST LIKE BEGIN. SADAT ASKED FAHMY NOT TO ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. WHILE HE AGREED WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF BEGIN AS
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A "TERRORIST" HE THOUGHT IT BEST TO AVOID ANY STATEMENT SUCH AS FAHMY HAD PROPOSED.

6. REQUEST DEPT CONVEY ABOVE ORAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER.
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